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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Peter N. Slater, Byron G. Johnson, Edward L. Sughrue, II, and  
Dennis R. Kidd

For: DESULFURIZATION AND NOVEL SORBENTS FOR SAME

**LETTER**

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The following references, a copy of each is attached, are called to the Examiner's attention

U.S. 6,254,766 discloses particulate sorbent compositions comprising a mixture of zinc oxide, silica, alumina, and a substantially reduced valence nickel provided for the desulfurization of a feed stream of cracked gasoline or diesel fuels in a desulfurization zone.

U.S. 6,271,173 discloses particulate sorbent compositions, which are suitable for the removal of sulfur from streams of cracked gasoline, or diesel fuel, which have increased porosity and improved resistance to deactivation.

U.S. 6,274,533 discloses novel sorbent systems for the desulfurization of cracked gasoline which are comprised of a bimetallic promoter on a particulate support such as that formed as zinc oxide in an inorganic or organic carrier.

U.S. 5,919,354 discloses a process for reducing the sulfur content of a hydrocarbon stream, wherein a hydrocarbon stream containing sulfur constituents is contacted with a sorbent under temperature and pressure conditions of low severity.

U.S. 5,173,173 discloses a hydrocarbon feedstock simultaneously distilled into two or more fractions while trace concentrations of contaminants in the feedstock are absorbed onto a sorbent packing material during distillation operation.

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